

(note: my submittal of this comment does NOT constitute authorization of the use of my name, address, and other contact information for direct mail or telemarketing purposes.)

I am 100 per cent opposed to any weakening in the existing protections of Wisconsin law governing the regulation of telemarketing calls.

It is my phone and I pay the bills to maintain the line and my account -- not telemarketers, the banking industry, or anyone else.

Before the Wisconsin law went into effect, I had to screen EVERY call before answering, knowing that if I picked up the phone without confirming who is on the other end, in most cases it would be a high-pressure sales call that would elevate my blood pressure - something I can't afford as I have heart disease as it is.

There were (and still are) telemarketers and other commercial enterprises who use telephones simply for preying on people at all hours of the day. Only through the Wisconsin law have I been able to resume answering when the phone rings.

Protect those of us who are paying for the service we receive and who don't want these calls. Allow us to keep these people off our backs by keeping the law we already have on the books!